GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the acute shortage of drinking water in Delhi, particularly in the South Delhi colonies;

(b) if so, the quantity of water being supplied per day to each colony of South Delhi and West-East and North-West Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that less quantity water is being supplied by Delhi Jal Board to the South Delhi colonies incomparison with other colonies of Delhi;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial steps the Union Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Delhi Jal Board has reported that there is no acute shortage of drinking water in Delhi, including South Delhi. Against the demand of 800 MGD for all uses, on an average about 650 MGD water is being supplied in Delhi.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The Delhi Jal Board has already taken up the rationalisation of water distribution system for equitable distribution of water in all parts of Delhi by constructing underground reservoirs and booster pumping stations. The water supply position is likely to improve with the commissioning of 140 MGD water treatment plant at Sonia Vihar, presently under construction.